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Re: Application of **Ilie FERRETTI** and **Paolo CASARINI**

## A METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING CLOSED AREAS AND DEFINING MASKS IN A DIGITAL IMAGE

**Assignee: COROB INTERNATIONAL AG**  
**Our Ref: Q66316**

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 3 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a Form PTO-1449 listing the ISR references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment

The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment document, will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application as filed, the International Search Report and complete copies of the references cited therein, the International Preliminary Examination Report, priority document, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<u><b>\$860.00</b></u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$860.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and

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1.492 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from March 24, 1999 based on Italian Application No. BO99A000137.

Respectfully submitted,

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